(c) The continuous investment in research & development for evolving innovative information security technologies and their implementation is a business requirement to sustain in highly competitive market place. This has been clearly apppreciated by the Indian industry and as per the above said survey; increase in budgetary allocations for information security in the last 12 months was 45% for Indian customers and 41% for US customers.

(d) Government has constituted an Expert Committee on the Information Technology Act under the chairmanship of Secretary, DIT and members from industry and other professional institutions. This Expert Committee would review the IT Act 2000 in the light of the latest developments taken place nationally and internationally including the issues of information security and cyber crimes. The primary obejctive of this exercise is to have the necessary infrastructure in place for Indian IT companies become more competitive in their offerings to clients abroad and promotes India as a major hub for global outsourcing.

Future of BPO Sector

334. SHRI SANJAY NIRUMPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's idea of introducing job reservations in private sector can prick the offshore contracts for IT and IT Enabled Service (ITES) putting question mark over the future of BPO sector in India;

(b) if so, the details about the idea of reservations and its impact upon BPO sector;

(c) whether the young employee in BPO sectors are going to be jobless; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to overcome the above crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The IT and IT Enabled Services sector is manpower intensive and is growing at annual Cumulative Average Growth Rate (CAGR) of 25-30%.

At present, this sector is employing over 8 lakhs professional and the requirement is estimated to grow to the level of around 27 lakhs by 2012.

Therefore there are no possibilities of adverse effect on the operations of this industry and employees becoming jobless; if job reservations in private sector are introduced.

Merry Making in Cyber Cafe

†335. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of merry making taking place on the pretext of chatting in cyber cafes throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to bring a law to prevent such crimes and to keep the cafe owners in check; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Such crimes can be dealt with under the purview of existing policing activity.

Camps to Redress the Complaints

†336. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to organize camps at district and block level in very three months to redress the complaints of common subscribers related to Government and private telephones, WLL and mobile services; and

... (b) if so, by when these camps would be organized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.